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ORIENTAL CHARMERS . . . These four curvaceous cuties will appear in oriental dances in "Desert Song," South Bay Civic Light Opera Assn. production, on Nov. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 20 at Redondo Union High School. Shown are Ann Mitchell, Bonnie Balling, Nancy Hand, and Gladys Swink. Miss Hand plays the lead, "Azuri." With a cast of 80, this marks the 20th consecutive production led by Melville Tully. Reservations can be made by calling FR 4-4414.

Tartar Teen Talk

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Torrance High Student Council has been faced with many problems this year because of half day sessions. Despite many hazards the Council has been running quite smoothly, under the able leadership of Student Body President Jim Donnette. The Council meets at noon this year and has complete charge of student government. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, agenda meetings are held, when items to be discussed at a regular business meeting are listed.

Business meetings are held Wednesdays and Fridays. These consist of the discussion and decisions on school affairs. Committee and commissioner reports are given at this time of the council's 16 members. Every member must have a B minus grade average. Officers are: president, vice-president, court judge and six commissioners — records, publicity, finance, pep, group control, activities and athletics. They are elected by the entire student body and each has various duties to perform. Other members are senior, junior, sophomore and freshman presidents, and Boys and Girls League presidents. The Council has recently completed the sale of ASB cards and is now concentrating on planning homecoming activities. The homecoming game will be Nov. 19.

Many thanks to the teenagers participating in the Youth Coordinating Council parade last Saturday. Many clubs had cars and floats in the parade. Some of these were decorated quite well. The parade was to boost the campaign for a swimming pool in Torrance. Also thanks goes to Police Chief Willard Haslam for providing a police escort.

The student body was presented with a very enjoyable and call last Tuesday. The assembly, sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America, was honored with the presence of Mr. Cortez Peters, the world's champion typist. Mr. Peters demonstrated such feats as typing 140 words per minute swearing fingerless mittens. He also performed a comedy routine with the typewriter. Most interesting was the demonstration of a hundred ways to develop the technique of typing 100 words per minute. Mr. Peters was here through the courtesy of the Royal Typewriter Co. and certainly was a real treat.

Recently selected as Annual editor was Mary Lou Sass. Dee Gibson was chosen as assistant editor. The Annual staff meets during sixth and seventh periods this year and has been working very hard on the Annual. The 1955 Torch promises to be bigger and better than ever.

In honor of Key Club Appreciation Week, the Kiwanis Club invited the Key Club to dinner Monday night. Seventeen boys from the Key Club attended and enjoyed the dinner and a special program which followed.

Tryouts for the "1954 Variety Show" have been held during the past two weeks and will end tomorrow. The show, sponsored by the Boys and Girls League, will be entitled "Showboat," and promises to be a great performance.

Installed as a member of Tartar Ladies last Tuesday night was Lena Malmstrom. The fire-light installation ceremony was held at the lovely home of Ann Steinbaugh. The ceremony was primarily for Lena, and she was presented with a T.I. sweater and pin by Judi Reid. Tartar Lady queen. The affair was followed by refreshments of cookies and punch.

Tri-Hi members had a terrific time at the Stanford-UCLA game Saturday. Most of the girls came home tired and happy. But three (Stanford rooters) were very disappointed.

Helen Sand celebrated her fiftieth birthday with a party last Saturday night. The party provided a swell time for a gang of about 30. Everyone attending had lots of fun dancing, cake and punch were served as refreshments.

Red Shield Need For Salvagable Items Revealed

Reconditioning of thousands of castoff articles contributed by local residents keep scores of handicapped men busy in the Salvation Army Social Service Center serving this area, it was announced yesterday.

Men who turn to the Salvation Army for help because their handicaps keep them from finding work in private industry are able to find a suitable working assignment.

A continuing need for cast-off items to keep the men busy faces the Salvation Army, and house holders are urged to contact the local center at FAirfax 8-1635 before throwing away any useable items.

Men who have lost all hope are lifted from dependency by the Army's program, according to Brigadier William J. Parkins, manager of the center.

Clothing, shoes and furniture especially are needed now. A phone call will bring a Red Shield truck, it was stated.

Toys Sought For Children

An appeal for toys for children of low-income families throughout the Southland was made yesterday by the St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau.

Contributions of old toys, furniture, clothing, newspapers or household goods can be made by calling TErminAl 4-4533 or Long Beach 7-2330, in this area.

Herd of Cows Trample Gardens on 209th St.

A herd of 15 cows did considerable damage to their yards about 5 a.m. Friday, a group of residents in the 1100 block on W. 209th St., reported to sheriff's deputies.



JOIN IN CELEBRATION . . . Mayor Nickolas O. Drake, left, receives a commemorative medallion from L. E. Jenkins, district manager, Southern California Edison Co., as part of Edison's 75th anniversary of the invention of a practical electric light. Thomas A. Edison is portrayed on the bronze medallion.

Mayor Joins With Edison In 'Light's' 75th Anniversary

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the invention of the first practical electric light by Thomas A. Edison, the Southern California Edison Co., this week dedicated Lake Edison, part of a new hydro-electric power project.

And Torrance Mayor Nickolas O. Drake proclaimed this week Light's Diamond Jubilee Week to join in a nationwide celebration of the event.

Federal, state and county officials, California business leaders and members of the Edison organization were present at Lake Edison, high in the Sierras, to take part in the dedication ceremonies.

Harold Quinton, Edison's president, was the chief speaker. A bronze plaque commemorating the dedication was placed on a huge granite boulder beside the dam which forms the lake at an elevation of 7600 feet in Vermilion Valley, 90 miles north-east of Fresno.

The Big Creek-San Joaquin River project, utilizing the water from Lake Edison, is the Edison Company's greatest source of hydroelectric power for Southern and Central California.

A new turbine electric generator, capable of generating

enough power for a city of 300,000, was placed in commercial operation at the Southern California Edison's Redondo Beach Steam Station, last week.

L. E. Jenkins, district manager, said the 156,000 kilowatt unit is as long as two average city blocks. It is located adjacent to Edison's Plant No. 1, built in 1949 at a cost of \$38,800,000. The new plant was completed at a cost of approximately \$25,200,000.

Power from the units serves the entire Bay district.

MP Helping Korean Kids

PFC Harold Franklin, 21, whose wife, Imogene, lives at 22125 Dolores St., is a member of the I Corps' 622nd Military Police Company in Korea, which is helping to construct two school buildings for Korean children.

The company is sponsoring the project as its contribution to the Armed Forces Assistance to Korea program.

The Torrance soldier arrived overseas last November.

Clarinetist, Violinist Apply for Scholarships

A young clarinetist and violinist were the first to apply for the four \$100 music competition scholarships offered by

Youth Band-Artist Concert Association, Director James Van Dyck announced yesterday.

Jack Johnston, of 2760 Gramercy Ave., clarinetist, and Joan Vachalek, of 1622 Madrid Ave., violinist, who are both active in music groups at Torrance High School, were the first to file, he said.

Applications are due by Nov. 15. Further information can be obtained by calling FA 8-5273, or writing to the youth band at Box 548, Torrance.

The scholarships will be awarded to winners in piano, voice, strings, and wind instrument division competition to be held in April. Winners will appear as soloists in the youth band's anniversary concert on May 24, 1955. Any student under college age is eligible to compete.

These competitions are held in conjunction with the four concerts to be held during the coming year.

Pianist Gary Graffman will be the first in the series, when he appears on Nov. 15. The week before his Torrance appearance, he will make his west coast debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Leontyne Price, soprano, and Cimilla Wicks, violinist, will appear later next year.

Season tickets for all four concerts cost \$2. To date, about 700 tickets have been sold, according to ticket chairman Ethel Derouin. An additional 300 must be sold by Nov. 15 to pay for the scholarships and the artist she said.

In The NEWS



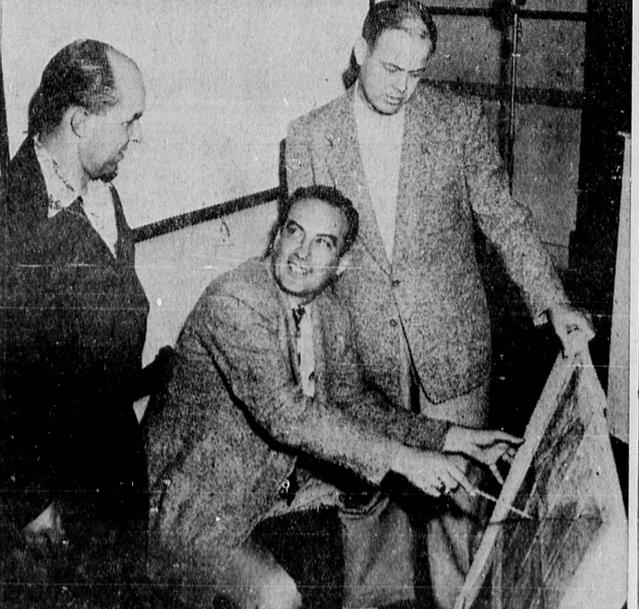
AT AMARILLO . . . Assigned to Amarillo Air Force Base as student medium jet bomber mechanic is A/3c Robert Ramirez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ramirez, of 1837 W. 233rd St. Ramirez was transferred to Amarillo from Lackland Air Force Base. He attended Gardena High School.



ON RADAR SHIP . . . Seaman Heming Nilsson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Nilsson, of 25814 Reed St., Lomita, is serving as a crew member aboard the radar picket destroyer Tucker, which is making a tour of the Far East. A graduate of Narbonne High School, he enlisted in the Navy in October, 1951.



LIGHT BLINKER . . . Gary Phillips, quartermaster third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Phillips, of 1554 W. 253rd St., Lomita, is a blinker operator aboard the destroyer Rowan, currently on its fourth tour of duty in the Far East. A graduate of Narbonne High School, he enlisted in the Navy in January, 1951.



AIR RESERVIST . . . Major Glenn H. Childs, seated, and Captain James R. Nichols, both of Torrance, and Staff Sergeant C. E. Swanson, left, of Hawthorne, study one of the maps used in the new 9343rd Air Reserve Squadron's training program. The local squadron, meeting weekly in Hawthorne, was set up to meet the needs of the many Air Force reservists in this area. Other local members include: Major George C. Burnham, First Lieutenant David D. Luce, Captain Edward W. Lawrence, Captain Robert L. Davis and Second Lieutenant Vie C. Utterback.



HOPEFULS . . . First to apply for the four \$100 music competition scholarships offered by the Torrance Youth Band Artist Concert Assn., were Jack Johnston and Joan Vachalek. Both are active in music groups at Torrance High School.